

THE CHRONICLE.

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THE N. & E. Railroad Still Booming.

Our new railroad scheme is still being actively pushed and it is

exceedingly gratifying to learn that

it is daily growing in favor with

the people all along the proposed

line of the road. Judge Chas. G.

Smith returned to this city last Sun-

day afternoon from Henderson,

Ky., where he and Judge Wood

closed a thorough canvass which

they made during the last week

along the line of the road from

Princeton to Henderson. They

made speeches in Caldwell, Hop-

kins, Webster, Union and Hender-

son counties. They are greatly

pleased with the section of country

through which they passed and

Judge Smith reports that all along

the entire route the people are

earnestly in favor of building the pro-

posed road. At every place they ad-

dress the citizens, committees

were appointed to take subscriptions

of donations similar to those ap-

pointed here. Our people should be

now no doubt about the building of

the road and that within the next

three years. Judge Smith thinks

the work will begin at this place

running towards Princeton the

coming spring and that within one

year from now we will have rail-

road connection with Princeton.

If every one will do his duty to-

wards the future of this enter-

prise there can be but little doubt

about the road being commenced

here within a few months.

On last Saturday morning, Eddie

Melwerther, the ten or twelve year

old son of Mr. W. D. Melwerther of

this city, was seriously shot by the

accidental discharge of a shot-gun in

his own hands. It seems that the

little fellow in company with an-

other young boy, Johnnie Daniel,

was out hunting a few miles from

town, and young Melwerther while

crossing a fence, got over first and

attempted to draw his gun over

after him when it was discharged.

The load entering his right arm

and the arm terribly lacerating it.

The little fellow was brought in im-

mediately to town by some gentleman

passing, and the physicians made

him as comfortable as possible. It

became necessary, however, to am-

putate his arm, which was done

Sunday morning by Drs. Johnson,

Wright and Bailey, and since then

he has been resting easy and will

soon be up. The sad accident is

greatly deplored by all.

We take the following extract from

an article in the Nashville

Christian Advocate on Christmas,

and ask a careful perusal of it by

our readers:

Let this be Christ's festival, as its

name imports. Let him be a guest

in every home. Keep out of your

houses everything that would not

become his presence. Do not partake

yourself of that which you would

not dare to offer to him, nor offer

it to others. We mean to say, do

not debase this sacred festival by

using strong drink. Let your

Our Public Schools.

Of all the subjects of general pub-

lic interest and which ought above

all others to claim the care and at-

tention of our people, the public

schools should stand first and pre-

eminent. The subject of free educa-

tion is one that is already beginning

to play an important part in the leg-

islation of the country and particu-

larly it is fraught with the deepest

interest to Tennessee, just begin-

ning, as she is, to lay the founda-

tion for an extended system

throughout the entire state. But

our object in this article is not to

discuss the public school system in

the abstract, but of the conduct and

workings of our own public schools

in this city, which are now under the

efficient superintendency of Prof. H.

C. Webber, a thoroughly capable

and talented young gentleman

from Nashville, who recently suc-

ceeded Prof. Perkins in the charge

of the schools.

The whole number of pupils who

have been attending these schools

during the present month is, white,

281, colored, 375, making a total of

656 pupils. This is probably the

largest number which has ever been

in attendance at any one time since

the organization of the schools. To

those who have never seen the re-

markable discipline and smooth op-

eration of these schools, we say, let

us say so and see for your-

selves. You will be welcome to re-

ceive and fully paid for your

trouble.

The system by which the school

is conducted is, we believe, as near

perfect as any school of its mem-

ber and age of its pupils could be

brought to. The quiet bearing of

the children while in the large

study halls, and the remarkable

drilling they show in their pas-

sage to and from the recitation

rooms and exits from the building is

indeed marvelous for children of their

age, and gives evidence of untiring

work and patience on the part of

the teachers. The proficiency of

most of these little ones—we say

little ones, for the highest grade

is hardly ten years—is remark-

able and would elicit expressions of

praise and surprise from any one

who has never before visited these

schools.

But the highest evidence of the

great good that these schools are

doing in our midst, and of the great

zeal and care of the superintendent

and teachers is, perhaps, the remark-

able attendance of the pupils. We

say that in no school in the city

is the attendance anywhere as

near 100 per cent. as it is very

gratifying to the School Board to

know that the number of absentees

are growing less every month.

Prof. Webber informs us that in

the grammar department of the

Howell school for September, the

number of tardies was 19; for Oc-

tober and December zero. No

room in the schools had ever gone

"A Merry Christmas"

The CHRONICLE begs leave, this

morning, to extend to its patrons

and friends the compliments of the

season, and to wish them one and

all "A Merry Christmas and a

Happy New Year."

Before it again visits their homes

and firesides, Christmas, with all its

pleasures and happinesses, its bright

anticipations and realized hopes, its

kindly tokens and loving remem-

brances, will have come and gone in

to the irrevocable past, and the

waiting watchmen upon the bell-

tower of Time will have "rung out

the old and rung in the New."

It therefore extends its greetings

a little in advance, and wishes them

all the blessings and enjoyments of

the season.

The year 1881 has been a most

memorable one in the history of

the country, full of stirring events,

momentous questions and startling

decisions, the recording and discus-

sion of which has been the office

and duty of the press to attend to.

The CHRONICLE has played its

humble part in this great work,

faithfully and as best it could, and

if it has contributed ought to the

pleasure and instruction of its pa-

trons, it has received its coveted re-

ward and is duly thankful. It will

continue to be issued regularly in

1882, as it has been for the sixty

years, and asks the continued pa-

tronage of its old friends and the

support of all who desire a good

live county paper. Its aim will

ever be towards progress and im-

provement and it promises to be

in 1882, a better paper than it has

ever been before. It will be a fair-

ly competent of all the local and

general news of interest to its pa-

trons and the public.

Mr. BERRY LYLE's horse ran

away on Franklin street, last Thurs-

day morning, and his jersey wag-

on colliding with a two horse wag-